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## Department of Environmental Conservation

**DIVISION OF WATER**  
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program

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June 1, 2022

Cindy Luna  
OBI Seafoods, LLC  
PO Box 70739  
Seattle, WA 98127

DEC File No. 2332.54.002

Re: OBI Seafoods, LLC, Seward Plant Authorization

Dear Ms. Luna:

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation has completed its review of the Notice of Intent (dated 03/01/2022) for **OBI Seafoods LLC Seward Plant** and is hereby issuing wastewater discharge authorization **AKG521032**. This authorization is effective June 1, 2022 and expires May 31, 2027.

Prior to discharge, please review your authorization and general permit AKG521000 to ensure that you understand the requirements contained within them. The permittee is required to meet all requirements as found in the authorization and the general permit. If you have any questions regarding this authorization or general permit, please contact the appropriate DEC staff contact located in Section 9 of this authorization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Earl L. Crapps".

Earl L. Crapps  
Section Manager  
Domestic and Industrial Utilities  
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program

Enclosures: General Permit and Fact Sheet AKG521000  
Authorization AKG521032



# Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation

## Division of Water

### Authorization to Discharge

**AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE  
ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM  
FOR  
ONSHORE SEAFOOD PROCESSORS IN ALASKA  
FACILITY ASSIGNED AUTHORIZATION NUMBER: AKG521032  
GENERAL PERMIT NUMBER: AKG521000  
See [General Permit](#) for all permit requirements**

The following facility is authorized to discharge in accordance with the terms of the State of Alaska General Permit AKG521000 and any site-specific requirements listed in this authorization.

The authorization effective date is **June 1, 2022**

The authorization to discharge shall expire at midnight, **May 31, 2027**

The permittee shall reapply for a permit reissuance on or before **December 2, 2026**, 180 days prior to the expiration of the general permit.

#### SECTION 1 – RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Issued to: Cindy Luna, VP – Food Safety, QA, Environmental & Regulatory Affairs, OBI Seafoods, LLC

#### SECTION 2 – FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility Name	OBI Seafoods, LLC Seward Plant		
Facility Address	601 Port Avenue, Seward, AK 99664		
Commodity Lines Processed	Salmon (butchering, freezing, canning, roe, rendering (oil), meal) Bottomfish (butchering, freezing, rendering (oil), meal) Halibut (butchering, freezing, rendering (oil), meal) Cod (butchering, freezing, rendering (oil), meal) Sablefish (butchering, freezing, rendering (oil), meal)		
Outfall Number / Description	Latitude	Longitude	Receiving Water
001A / Main Seafood Processing Outfall <sup>a</sup>	60.113167	-149.43020	Resurrection Bay
002A / Seafood Byproduct Production Internal Outfall <sup>b</sup>	n/a	n/a	Resurrection Bay
003A / Railroad Outfall – Retort Cooling Water <sup>b</sup>	60.11987	-149.42710	Resurrection Bay
003B / Catch Transfer Water <sup>c</sup>	60.12077	-149.43599	Resurrection Bay

Note:

- Flow meter installation is required by 6/1/2022 or earlier, in accordance with General Permit Part 2.1.1.
- Flow meter installation is required by 6/1/2024 or earlier, in accordance with General Permit Part 2.1.1.
- Catch Transfer Water Treatment Practicability Report due by 6/1/2024.

**SECTION 3 – EFFLUENT MONITORING****MONITORING POINTS**

Outfalls to Waters of the U.S.	After the last treatment unit and commingling of all seafood processing effluents but prior to discharge to waters of the U.S.
Internal Outfalls for By-product Effluent	Post screening/grinding but prior to commingling with other effluents.
Catch Transfer Water Discharged to a Vessel	Prior to discharge to the vessel.

**MONITORING REQUIREMENTS**

All Outfalls	Refer to Part 2.1 in General Permit
Seafood Processing (Butchering) Wastewater Outfall(s) (001)	Refer to Part 2.2.4 in General Permit
Seafood Processing By-Product Wastewater Outfall(s) (002)	Refer to Part 2.2.5 in General Permit
Other Outfall(s) (003)	Refer to Part 2.2.6 in General Permit

**SECTION 4 – RECEIVING WATER MONITORING**

Receiving Water Monitoring Requirements	Refer to Part 2.3.2 in General Permit		
<b>Ambient Receiving Water Monitoring Location</b>	<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>	<b>Receiving Water</b>
ARW Location	60.118700	-149.425900	Resurrection Bay

**SECTION 5 – MIXING ZONES**

Mixing Zone Compliance Point	All Alaska Water Quality Standards shall be met at the boundary of each authorized mixing zone.
Mixing Zone Authorization	The facility does have authorized mixing zones.
Mixing Zone Description	1. The mixing zone for Outfall 001A is a circle with a 100-foot radius centered on the outfall terminus, extending from the sea surface to the seafloor. 2. The mixing zone for Outfall 003A is a circle with a 100-foot radius centered on the outfall terminus, extending from the sea surface to the seafloor.
Water Quality Criteria that may be Exceeded within the Mixing Zone	Dissolved oxygen, pH, residues, temperature, color, turbidity, and total residual chlorine.

**SECTION 6 – PROJECT AREA ZONE OF DEPOSIT**

Zone of Deposit Authorized?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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The permittee may exceed the water quality criteria of 18 AAC 70.020(b) for residues and the antidegradation requirement of 18 AAC 70.015 in a project area ZOD, within which the deposit of substances (residues) on the seafloor is authorized. Seafood processing waste residues are limited to a cumulative total of 1.0 acre of coverage within the project area ZOD.

Boundary Description	Latitude	Longitude	Receiving Water
Southwest Corner - Outfall 001A	60.112596	-149.431068	Resurrection Bay
Northwest Corner - Outfall 001A	60.114925	-149.430442	Resurrection Bay
Northeast Corner - Outfall 001A	60.114944	-149.429960	Resurrection Bay
Southeast Corner - Outfall 001A	60.112605	-149.429139	Resurrection Bay
Northwest Corner - Facility	60.120899	-149.437574	Resurrection Bay
Southwest Corner - Facility	60.120311	-149.437611	Resurrection Bay
South Boundary - Facility	60.119705	-149.435598	Resurrection Bay
Southeast Boundary - Facility	60.119664	-149.434004	Resurrection Bay
Northeast Boundary - Facility	60.120822	-149.434021	Resurrection Bay

**SECTION 7 – SITE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

The permittee must follow the provisions of Permit Parts 2.2.5.1 and 2.2.5.2 when monitoring discharges from stickwater.

**SECTION 8 – Electronic Reporting (E-Reporting) Rule for Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMR)**

The permittee must submit DMR data electronically through NetDMR per Phase I of the E-Reporting Rule (40 CFR 127) upon the effective date of the Permit. Authorized persons may access permit information by logging into the NetDMR Portal (<https://cdxnodengn.epa.gov/oeca-netdmr-web/action/login>). DMRs submitted in compliance with the E-Reporting Rule are not required to be submitted as described in Appendix A – Standard Conditions unless requested or approved by the Department. Any DMR data required by the Permit that cannot be reported in a NetDMR field (e.g., mixing zone receiving water data, etc.) shall be included as an attachment to the NetDMR submittal. DEC has established an e-Reporting Information website at <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/compliance/electronic-reporting-rule> that contains general information about this new reporting format. Training materials and webinars for NetDMR can be found at <https://netdmr.zendesk.com/hc/en-us>.

**SECTION 9 – DEC STAFF CONTACT**

If you have any technical questions regarding this authorization or the requirements of the general permit, please contact Jackie Ebert at [jackie.ebert@alaska.gov](mailto:jackie.ebert@alaska.gov) or (907) 465-5336.

If you have questions regarding compliance with any permit or authorization requirement, please call either:

- Katrina Chambon at [Katrina.Chambon@alaska.gov](mailto:Katrina.Chambon@alaska.gov) or (907) 269-7550; or
- Alex Shahrokhi at [alexander.shahrokhi@alaska.gov](mailto:alexander.shahrokhi@alaska.gov) or (907) 451-2172

A permittee shall orally report any noncompliance event that may endanger health or the environment within 24 hours after the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances and in writing within five days after the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances. Please use the phone numbers and addresses below to report noncompliance events. Additional information regarding 24-hour reporting may be found in Appendix A of General Permit AKG521000. The required written follow-up notification can be sent via fax, email, or U.S. Postal Service.

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation  
Attn: Compliance and Enforcement Program  
555 Cordova Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Toll Free Nationwide: 1-800-569-4114  
Anchorage or International: 1-907-269-4114  
Fax: 1-907-269-4604  
Email: [dec-wqreporting@alaska.gov](mailto:dec-wqreporting@alaska.gov)

## SECTION 10 – CERTIFICATION/SIGNATURE



Signature

06/01/2022

Date

Earl L. Crapps

Printed Name

Section Manager Domestic & Industrial Utilities

Title

## SECTION 11 – ATTACHMENTS

The following AKG521000 Onshore Seafood Processors in Alaska reporting forms are available electronically by clicking on the icons immediately following the form title.

Attachment B Seafood Waste Size and Waste Conveyance Inspection Log 

Attachment C Sea Surface and Shoreline Log 

Attachment D Seafloor Survey Summary Log 

Attachment E Annual Report 

Attachment E-1 Annual Report Form- Receiving Water Quality Monitoring 

Attachment F Monthly Seafood Waste Delivery Form 

Attachment G Notice of Termination 